

Tour guide

Some tips for your stay in Montevideo



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In this document we would like to share some recommendations on places and activities to enjoy your stay in Montevideo. Some are just for those staying in the city for the weekend. The list is not exhaustive, obviously, but you can consult us in case you want our opinion or help on something that is not here.



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1. Places to eat or have a drink

There is a wide gastronomic offer in Montevideo, but here are some representative places.



De Morondanga

Great exponent of Montevideo's modern gastronomy

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Bar Tasende

Historic bar, with very good pizza "al tacho"

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Bar Tinkal

The best chivito in town, or at least in the top 3

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Bar Las Flores

A bar where Montevideans meet, with very good pizza "a la pala"

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Sometimes Sunday

Great brunch at the weekend, in one of the pedestrian areas of the old town

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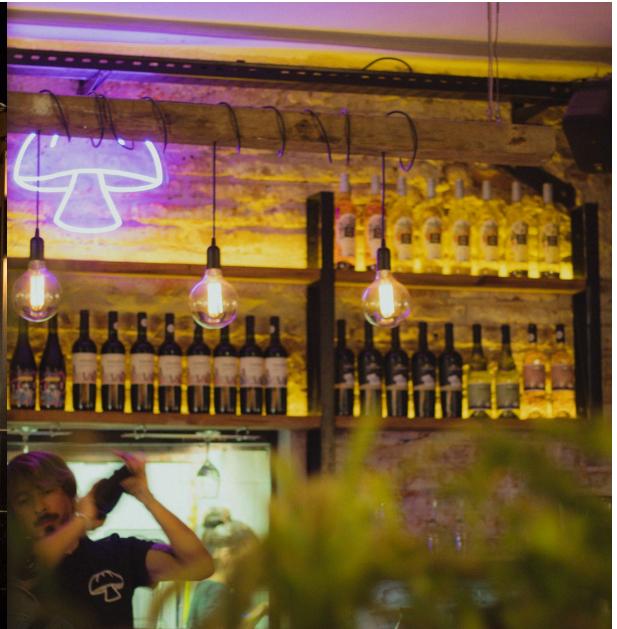
Noa Noa

Very good barbecue, with a beautiful view of the coast

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1. Places to eat or have a drink



El italiano

Seafood in a nice place on the promenade

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La pulperia

Very good barbecue with a very relaxed style

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2. Cofee shops



Roasters & speciality coffee

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Cofee & books

Escaramuza

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Café Gourmand

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Cultural Alfabeto

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La Farmacia

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Macoco

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The Lab

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Puro verso

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Seis Montes

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3. Pubs



Bar Fun Fun

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Mala Fama

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Bakers

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Inmigrantes

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Montevideo Beer Company

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El Hormiguero

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Andrómeda

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Finisterre

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Sumo Brew Pub

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4. Barbacues



Mercado del Puerto

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La Perdiz

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La Tira

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Los Leños

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La Otra

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García

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5. Outdoor activities

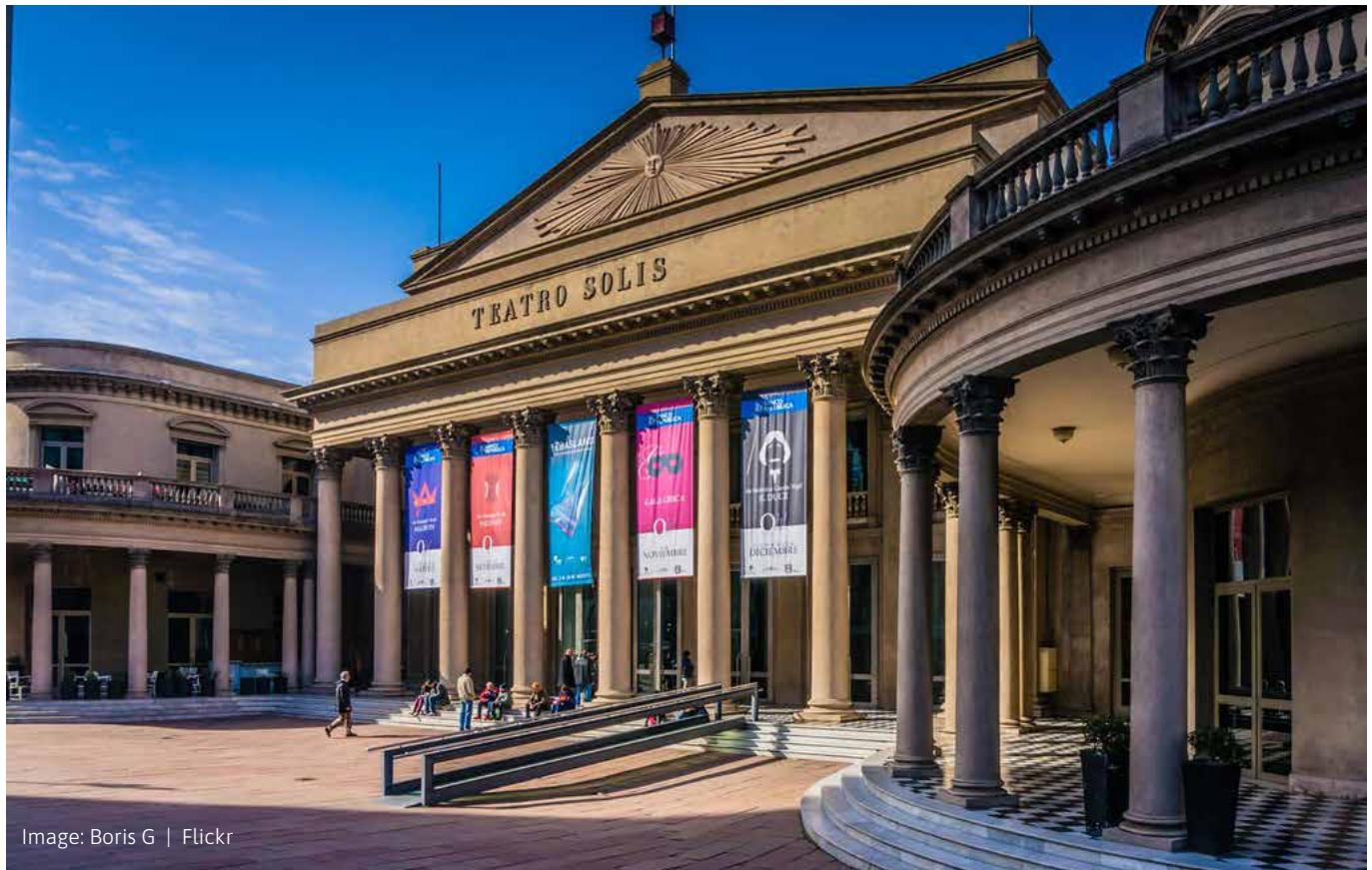


Image: Boris G | Flickr

Montevideo has more than 20km of promenade and along it you can appreciate different landscapes. A good way to get around it is by bicycle, so we leave you this contact in case you want to rent one to do it: [Orange bike](#)

On Sundays, from 9 a.m. until around 4 p.m., there is a typical walk in the city which is the "Feria de Tristan Narvaja" (street market). There you can find everything from antiques to seasonal fruits. In addition, along this street there are many bookshops and bars to hang out in. [The starting point is here.](#)

The historic centre of Montevideo has a great number of attractions, and you have the possibility of joining a walking tour to visit it. [On this website](#) you can find different options according to your interests.

Don't miss [Teatro Solis](#) (guided visits from Tuesday to Sundays 16hs) and [Palacio Salvo](#) (book your guided visit), both at the Plaza Independencia.

For panoramic views you can visit the [Panoramic Viewpoint](#) located on the 22nd floor of the headquarters building of the Municipality of Montevideo, with a height of 77 meters from where you can see a large part of the city.

Next to the venue of the event is the **Parque Rodó**, which is one of the main parks of the city. The park has a lake, several monuments, information on plant species, a photo exhibition, among other attractions. Next to the Confucius statue you can enjoy one of the best sunset views in the city.

An alternative for those who have more time is to visit one of the vineyards in the countryside around the city. Two of the best known options are **Bodega Bouza** and **Viña Varella Zarraz**.

In both of them you can arrange different types of visits.



6. Culture & traditions



Candombe

Candombe is a style of music and dance that originated in Uruguay among the descendants of liberated African slaves. In 2009, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) inscribed candombe in its Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. The candombe rhythm is created by the use of three drums (tambores), tambor piano, tambor chico and tambor repique. In Montevideo every neighborhood has its comparsas, as troupes made up of drummers are known.

Valores de Ansina

We recommend that you join the Valores de Ansina comparsa. The comparsas are part of everyday life here in Uruguay. Meaning, everyone knows everyone else so they will already know that you are not part of the group. However everyone including neighbours loves a comparsa, so enjoy being part of a unique community experience.

Sunday | 17:30hs
Adress: Isla de Flores & L. Carnelli

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DO

- Blend in
- Dress down
- Buy a beer
- Once the procession starts, walk along the pavement by the side or at the tail of the comparsa
- Enjoy the experience rather than taking photos.

DON'T

- Don't expect things to start punctually
- Don't talk loudly in English (remember, you're supposed to be blending in)
- Don't carry anything you wouldn't want to lose
- Do be aware of your safety. It is not unknown in Palermo and Barrio Sur in Montevideo for a robbery to take place.



Image: Milonga Callejera | Facebook

Tango

The tango milonga—or dance scene—in Montevideo is much more friendly and less intimidating than in Buenos Aires. It is frequented by a small group of mainly locals. You can find a milonga to attend any night of the week in Montevideo. There are at least two milongas, or tango salons, open every day. Beware! Most milongas start about 09:30 pm during the week and 10:30 pm on weekends, but most dancers don't get there until hours later. On the weekends most people arrive about 11:00 pm and dancing goes on till 4 am. There are a few afternoon milongas. Entrance fee to the milongas is usually charged at the door and it is modest, anything from no charge to 150 pesos (less than 5 USD). If you take a class before you will normally not have to pay for the milonga.

Some options:

Milonga callejera

Wednesdays. Tango lessons 20:00 to 21:00 hs. Milonga: 21:00 to 00:00 hs.

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El chamuyo

Thursdays: Tango lessons 20:00 a 21:30 hs. Milonga starting at 21:30.

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El milongón, dinner show

Monday to saturday from 8:00 pm to 10:30 pm

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Image: MNAV

Museums:

Montevideo has a large number of museums, distributed throughout the city. In this website you can access information about all of them and you will surely find some that fit your interests. Our recommendation is that if you have the opportunity, do not miss these.



Image: MNAV

[Museo Nacional de Artes Visuales](#)



[Museo Gurvich](#)



[Museo Torres García](#)



[Museo Juan Manuel Blanes](#)



[Espacio de arte contemporáneo](#)



[See other museums in Montevideo](#)

Getting around Montevideo.



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If you arrive by plane from Carrasco International Airport, you have several options to get to the city centre. The cheapest alternative is to take a suburban bus from the airport to Terminal Tres Cruces (USD 5) and, from there, public transport to your hotel. Taking a taxi (USD 40-50) or getting an Uber (USD 25-30) is also possible at the airport.

If you arrive by ferry, it is possible to use urban public transport and go directly to your hotel. In this case, the taxi option is more accessible than arriving at the airport.

If you arrive by bus from the Tres Cruces bus terminal, you can take public transport anywhere in the city. In all cases, you will have updated information on public transport lines and estimated taxi fares using Google Maps.

It is important to keep in mind that you will have to pay in cash for public transport (there is a card, but it is not easy to get one). In most taxis, you can pay by card, but it is important to ask the driver before you start your journey.

[More about Montevideo](#)

[Featured places on Google Maps](#)

Cities to visit close to Montevideo

We recommend these three cities that can be easily reached from Montevideo and stand out for their cultural, patrimonial and natural value.

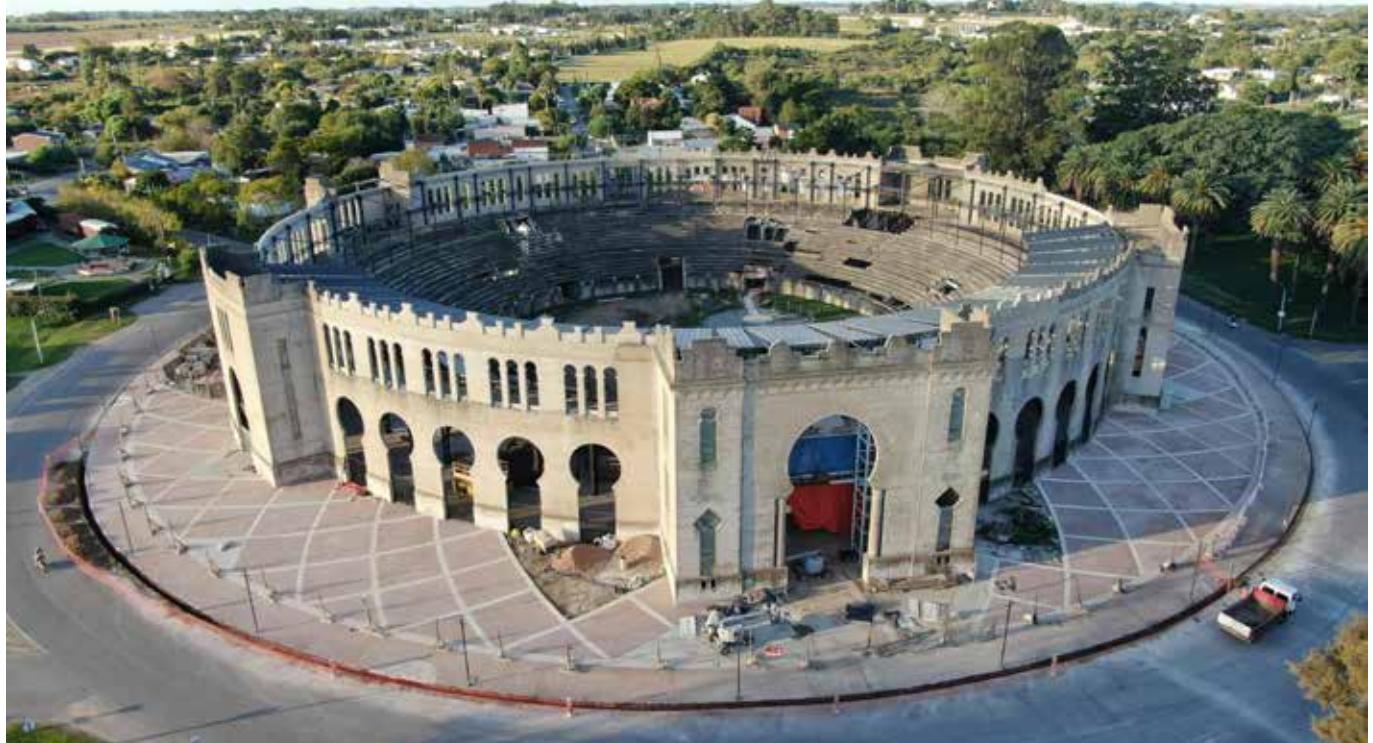


Punta del Este

Known as the "jewel of the Gold Coast", is famous for its white sandy beaches and vibrant nightlife. Just a few hours from Montevideo, it offers a perfect blend of luxury, art and breathtaking scenery.



2 hours 15 min.
133 km from Montevideo



Colonia del Sacramento

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, will transport you back in time with its cobblestone streets and colonial architecture. This city on the banks of the Rio de la Plata is ideal for strolling and enjoying its historic charm.



2 hours 45 min.
178 km from Montevideo



Buenos Aires

The capital of Argentina, is just a short ferry ride from Colonia. It can be reached from Montevideo by bus, boat or plane. This cosmopolitan metropolis is famous for its European architecture, rich culture and gastronomic scene. From renowned theaters to elegant neighborhoods such as Palermo and San Telmo, Buenos Aires offers something for everyone.



7 hours 40 min
460 km from Montevideo



4 hours 50 min.
241 km from Montevideo



2 hours 30 min
129 nm from Montevideo



55 min
220 km from Montevideo



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